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the party at Fulton Chain Station, to which point all baggage should be checked. Mrs. Hugh M. Smith and Mrs. N. L. Britton will act as guides.

Sullivant Moss Chapter Members are requested to notify *them* if they intend to attend the Symposium. For further information address, Mr. Joseph Crawford, 2824 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Secretary of the Symposium.

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### "WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE."

(Before reading this note, please turn to the *BRYOLOGIST* 7:78. Sept. 1894, and read carefully the article under this caption, noting dates mentioned.)

In my herbarium are two packets of mosses labeled as follows:

*Thelia Lescurii* Sulliv., Sandy soil, Rockville, L. I., Dec. 1, 1899. Coll. A. J. G., type of *P. Groutii*, No. 196, N. Am. Musci Pleurocarpi. Depression in base of chestnut tree. Hempstead, L. Id., Dec. 1, 1899.

In my collection of letters from Mrs. Britton, I find one from which the following is an extract.

"Bedford Park, Dec. 4, 1899.

"Your packet of mosses is received. *Thelia Lescurii* occurs on West Rock, at New Haven, where Prof. Eaton collected it, and I think it has been found at other places in New England, but I should have to look this up at the herbarium. The *Plagiothecium* you send is a pretty little species, *conspicuous for its resemblance to the laxer forms of H. recurvans*, which it resembles in its small capsules, which are horizontal, and its recurved leaves. I think it will go under one of the varieties of *H. denticulatum*, either *laetum* or *aptychus*. Send it to Dixon for an opinion. It answers pretty well to No. 361, Aust. Musci App., which was distributed as *P. dent.* var. *pusillum*, *which he says grows on the roots of trees in dry woods* - - - - - .

"I shall be writing to Dixon soon about another matter, and will send this to him, as I should like his opinion on them."

The italics are mine. I may add that at this date, the Dec. 1899 collection of *Thelia Lescurii* was the first and only collection of the species I had ever made.

I will draw no inferences, for I feel that my readers will be amply able to do that for themselves.

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### BRYOLOGICAL NOTES

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*POGONATUM BRACHYPHYLLUM* Michx. None of the available descriptions of this species allude to the great difference between the capsules of this species and those of *P. brevicaulis*. The capsules of the latter are erect and almost or quite symmetric, while those of *P. brachyphyllum* when fresh are inclined about as much as those of *P. alpinum*, and are oblong-ovoid and strongly unsymmetric. This difference is much less apparent in herbarium specimens.